GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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NEW AUTO FUEL POLICY
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is need for enormous reforms in the Petroleum industry due to the formulation of New Auto Fuel Policy as reported in The Economic Times dated November 8,2002 under the caption `Fuel policy to burn hole in auto, petro sectors`;

(b) if so, the details of the facts in this regard and the improvements likely to be made in the Petroleum Industry under the said reforms;

(c) the additional amount required for such reforms; and

(d) the schemes formulated by the Government for these reforms?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d): To implement the recommendations made in the Auto Fuel Policy Report, the petroleum industry would be required to make substantial investments in meeting the specifications of petrol and diesel. It is estimated that an investment of around Rs.18,000 crore would need to be made by the year 2005 and an additional investment of around Rs.12,000 crore would be required to be made by the year 2010 to implement the product upgradation project in oil refineries.

The projects/schemes for upgradation of petrol and diesel specifications would be finalized and implemented by the oil companies owning and operating refineries.